

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHODS OF FACILITATING VASCULAR GROWTH

January 10, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.